

## AGENTS NOW BUSY WITH BEEF TRUST

Getting Grasp Upon Methods of the Combine.

### LIVE STOCK ASSOCIATION

Said to Be Ready to Submit Valuable Facts Regarding Prices to the Retailers.

At the Department of Commerce and Labor today it was said preliminary reports had already been received from some of the agents who were sent West ten days ago to investigate the workings of the beef trust. These reports, it was said, however, relate to methods which must be pursued to obtain information and the channels along which the agents are preparing to work, and not to information obtained.

The department has received from Kansas City an announcement that the National Live Stock Association is prepared to submit to the authorities proof that the beef trust is deliberately forcing down the prices paid to cattle raisers for stock, while it has in the same period raised the prices to the consumer from 10 to 15 per cent.

### Cuts Both Ways.

One feature of interest likely to develop in the investigation is the production of facts to show just why beef and many other necessities of life are much higher now than they were ten years ago, notwithstanding better packing and transportation facilities. If the National Live Stock Association can prove anything it is expected that the facts will go a long way toward giving publicity to what is growing, so Congressmen say, to be a dangerous condition.

Officials still decline to give out any information concerning the agents, withholding their names and refusing even to designate, for the present, the cities to which they have been sent.

## WASHINGTON SYMPHONY AWARDS THREE PRIZES

Mrs. Mignon Lamsure Carries Off First Honors—Concerts Continue to Draw Well.

Announcement was made last night at the concert by the Washington Symphony of the prize-winners in the contest which has been going on for some weeks.

Some time ago the management of the orchestra announced that it would give three prizes for the best popular programs submitted. The first prize was to be \$25; the second, \$15, and the third, \$10.

Mrs. Mignon Lamsure, of 1322 K Street northwest, has been awarded the first prize, while Miss Bert Williams, The Loudoun, East Capitol Street, will receive the second, and the third to go to Louis L. Korn, of the Postoffice Department.

In submitting the programs it was necessary to select the group of selections of the most artistic character, yet sufficiently popular to appeal to the person not highly educated in music, but fond enough of it to know the good from the bad.

The concert last night drew out another large audience, and the program was thoroughly enjoyed. Since the popular series was begun some weeks ago, interest in the Sunday night concerts has increased steadily until now the Symphony plays before a full house and to people who desire to hear the orchestra, but who cannot get away from their work to attend the regular Symphony concerts.

### NEWS FROM BOYDS.

BOYDS, Md., April 4.—Earl Wall, son of Mrs. William E. Wall, is ill at his home, "Walidene," of typhoid fever, which he contracted at school in Virginia. His condition today was little better.

Mrs. Elmer Walter, formerly of this place, is ill at her home at Derwenton, of pneumonia. Mrs. Walters is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Austin, of this vicinity.

Fred C. Stang, of this place, has sold his farm east of Boyds to a Mr. Bartlett, of Frederick county, for nearly \$5,000. Mr. Bartlett will take possession at once.

Mrs. Mary Murphy, of Washington, is at Clarksville visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles W. Gibson.

State Senator Jones, of this county, who is president of the senate at Annapolis, says he will not accept the amendment offered to his treasurer bill, which was offered by Delegates Williams, Johnston, Amess, and Lansdale, of the Montgomery county delegation. The people of the county have been clamoring for years for a treasurer or other system to save the heavy expense of collecting taxes in this county by the tax collectors, five of them, costing \$5,000 a year. The treasurer system will reduce this \$2,000, and the combination plan offered by the Montgomery county delegation would save \$1,500 over all, or \$1,500 under Jones' treasurer system.

The refusal of Senator Jones to concur in the amendment so offered is not understood by his friends in the county or by the taxpayers, as it is positively known the delegation has done so only for purpose of economy.

The building of a high school at Rockville to cost nearly \$200,000, which was offered at the delegation will be one of the senator's hobbies, and the building of a high school at Gaithersburg, wanted there by the taxpayers, at a cost of \$300,000, the delegation thinks is necessary for the practicing of economy. It is likely that rather than not have anything at all the delegation will accept the treasurer bill, though the other should have been accepted by the senator.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage licenses were issued today:

John D. W. Gardner, 36, and Emily Carrier, 25, both of Charles county, Md. H. Alonzo Turner, 26, of Norwood, Md., and Maude I. Harding, 22, of Ednor, Md.

Logan Dunbar, 31, of St. Mary's county, Md., and Margaret L. Brelsford, 23, of Washington, D. C.

John C. Hamilton, 21, and Bertha Napier, 19, both of King George county, Va.

Calvin W. Norris, 24, and Fannie B. Jones, 19, both of King George county, Va.

Arthur L. Dodson, 22, and Abbie D. Dove, 21, both of Alexandria, Va.

Harry Burlingame, 22, and Sue C. Lawson, 22.

## HARRIMAN WANTS NORTHERN PACIFIC

Action to Get Back Stock He Put in Merger.

### SUIT TO CONTROL ROAD

May Be Beginning of Fight by Union Pacific to Get Northern Into Its Hands.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 4.—J. H. Harriman and Winslow S. Pierce, acting as trustees for the Oregon Short Line, have begun proceedings in the United States Circuit Court, asking the court to direct the Northern Securities Company to return to the original shareholders the Northern Securities stock exchanged for Northern Securities stock at the time of its formation of that company. The petition is returnable to the United States Circuit Court on April 12.

The petitioners ask the court to intervene in the suit of the United States against the Northern Securities Company. The purpose of the intervention is to have the decree of the court modified, and to have the court direct that the Northern Securities Company shall deliver in exchange for its shares the stock of the Northern Pacific that it acquired, and to prevent a further distribution of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific stock among the shareholders, as was planned by the directors of the Northern Securities Company.

### Importance of Action.

A man well informed and conversant with every phase of the case says the proceedings mark the beginning of a fight by the Union Pacific to secure control of the Northern Pacific.

The gist of the suit is this: When the Northern Securities Company was formed, the Harriman interests held control of the Northern Pacific by virtue of stock. This stock was turned over to the Northern Securities Company. This company has decided upon a return of stock on a basis that will give to the holders the same amount that was contributed. The Harriman petition is in accord with the decision of the United States Circuit Court on June 3, 1896, which directed that the stock, share for share, be returned to the original holders. With this accomplished, the control of Northern Pacific will be in the hands of Harriman.

## CROOK CHLOROFORMS SLEEPY PASSENGER

Caught by Railroad Detective After Having Robbed Traveler of Large Sum of Money.

DES MOINES, April 4.—In the capture of a man who gives his name as Charles Edwards, Rock Island Railroad detectives believe they have caught one of the smoothest crooks in the country. Edwards, as he styles himself, is known all over the country as a specialist in using chloroform and knockout drops on passengers in sleeping and chair cars for the purpose of robbery.

He was captured by one of the railroad detectives on the Southwest Limited near Centerville Saturday night. He had chloroformed a sleepy passenger by whose side he had seated himself, and robbed the passenger of a large sum of money and jewelry. To others he volunteered to give a drink, in which he had mixed knockout drops.

### JUSTICE KIMBALL GOES TO THE UPPER BRANCH

After presiding in the District branch of the Police Court for more than a year, Judge Kimball changed to the United States branch today. Judge Charles F. Scott, who has been occupying the bench in the upper branch, went to the lower court.

The first business in the United States branch was the impounding of a new jury to serve throughout the months of April, May, and June. The March term having ended, and the jury discharged, the present jury was excused today, until April 12.

### SALVATION ARMY WORK AT HOME AND ABROAD

The service of the Salvation Army, in the hall at 309 Pennsylvania Avenue, tonight, will be of unusual interest. The work of the Salvation Army at home and abroad will be the subject of a lecture by Ensign Roper, to be illustrated by stereopticon views of the work in the United States and other lands.

This week there will be a number of special meetings, each in the interest of the self-denial effort of the army, and it is expected that larger congregations will be seen at all of the night services.

### FUNERAL SERVICES OF ONSLOW S. WHITFORD

Funeral services over the body of Onslow Stearns Whitford were held yesterday afternoon at the residence of his father, Col. Edward L. Whitford, 112 East Capitol Street. The Rev. Donald C. MacLeod, of the First Presbyterian Church, officiated.

The preachers were Mr. Whitford's three brothers, Edward O., George L., and Richmond O. Whitford, and F. S. Nelligan.

The body was sent to Warner, N. H., for interment.

### PRINCESS EDWARD DEAD.

LONDON, April 4.—Princess Edward of Saxe-Weimar died here yesterday of acute pneumonia.

### START STRONG

Food that Nourishes all day

Grape-Nuts and Cream

"There's a Reason"

## Bulgarians Would Have Only Natives in Office

Appointment of Foreigners to High Court Positions Resented by Nobles and People. Blame for Prince Ferdinand.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, April 4.—Discontent still exists in political circles in Bulgaria over the fact that Prince Ferdinand, ignoring the claims of the ancient nobility of the country, continues in the highest positions in the court representatives of the French families who accompanied him to Bulgaria when, in 1887, he was called to the throne.

When the prince arrived here he had little material from which to choose his personal advisers and court officials.

Reared in Hungary.

Although a German, his mother is Princess Clementine, the youngest daughter of Louis Philippe, and he was reared in Hungary, where he necessarily acquired a large acquaintance with Hungarian nobles.

When, therefore, he came to Bulgaria to take his new throne he was accompanied by a staff of old French aristocrats, who were to form his court, and accustomed to the Bulgarians, little inclined to respect for monarch, favorably to the new regime.

But so far as regards the external signs of aristocracy or position, there is as little of it about the court of Prince Ferdinand as there is in a private house of such social standing. This is especially the case since the death of the Princess Marie Louise.

## ADMIRAL JUSTIFIES KIPLING'S CRITICISM

"Flanneled Fools and Muddled Oafs" Actually Compose British Army, Fisher Tells King Edward.

LONDON, April 4.—The reorganization of the British war office, in which the King has taken a leading part, has led to many interesting conversations between his majesty and his chief advisers. The one with whom the King has conversed most frankly has been Admiral Sir John Fisher.

The admiral has expressed his views without the least reserve or circumlocution, and in this way King Edward has gotten hold of many hard facts of which before he was in ignorance. The great question has been why the British navy, the most enterprising of all the services, is so much inferior to the army, and the waves are higher than in Nelson's time.

### Asked Pointed Question.

As a leading representative of the navy, the King asked Admiral Fisher why this was so. The admiral declared that wherever young officers of the army gathered, the conversation was always of sport, of society matters, and gossip generally, while wherever the navy men gathered, the conversation was of strategy, of tactics, of gun-fire, and sea experiences.

The first lot apparently never thought of their profession, while the others never thought of anything else. In one way the admiral admitted that it was possible as the army has been constantly at work in one way and another, while the navy had no real fighting since Napoleon's time.

## WOMAN STREWS FLOWERS ON SELF-MADE BIER

Mrs. Hunter, of Memphis, Weaves Wreath of Roses for Her Hair, Then Shoots Herself.

CINCINNATI, April 4.—Wearing a wreath of roses she had woven for her hair and lying on her bed, which had been strewn with roses, Mrs. E. B. Hunter, wife of a well-known business man of Memphis, Tenn., shot and killed herself in her apartments in the Grand Hotel.

Mrs. Hunter was returning from an Eastern sanitarium in care of a trained nurse, whom she had sent to the theater earlier in the evening.

### POLICE COULD NOT FIND THE ESCAPED PUGILIST

With a slight contusion of the right eye, Isaac Greenbaum, twenty-one years old, living at the Bismarck Hotel, went to the Emergency Hospital last night about 9 o'clock and applied for treatment. He said he had been fighting with a man named White who left nooked him and disappeared. The fight took place near Pennsylvania Avenue and John Marshall Place, and the police of the Sixth precinct investigated the case but could not locate White.

### RANKS OF LAKE MERCER WITHSTAND THE FLOOD

CELINA, Ohio, April 4.—All fear of either bank of Lake Mercer giving way is over, unless much more rain should fall. Water is still flowing over the waste weir. Beaver and Wabash lowlands are under water. Men have been cut off from railroad service since last Thursday night. The Cincinnati, Wilkins, Berney Ingham, and Bert S. Nelligan.

### FINED FOR ASSAULT.

A penalty of \$50 fine or six months in jail was the penalty imposed upon Martha Anderson, a negress, in the Police Court today, for assaulting Harry Burns, a negro, with a table knife.

### MORE DOT CONTEST PRIZES.

The Times today adds two more prizes for the last best answers in the contest which ends Saturday night. These prizes will be \$100 and \$50, to be sent to St. Louis, and will be awarded to the contestant in the third and fourth LAST correct, or nearest correct, answers, making four prizes in all for the LAST correct, or nearest correct answers.

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## WANTS SOUTHERN MAN ON TICKET

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### FOR THE VICE PRESIDENCY

North Carolinian Doesn't Want the Job Himself—Favors Union of the Factions.

COLUMBIA, S. C., April 4.—In a letter to a Columbia newspaper, whose editor several months ago nominated him for the Vice Presidency on the Democratic ticket, Gov. Charles B. Aycock of North Carolina says: "While appreciating the mention of me for the Vice Presidency, I deem it proper to say that I not only do not seek it, but neither wish it, nor think it advisable."

"If we can get the two wings of the party together and nominate some man for President who has a chance of being elected, I do not believe we ought, for the present, to lessen that chance by the nomination of a Southern man. If, when the convention meets, it becomes apparent that we cannot elect a Democratic candidate, then I believe the nomination of a Southern man for Vice President would be a good thing."

"It would get the Northern people used to voting for a Southerner, and in defending their position about it they would necessarily defend us. Then when the time comes when we can elect a Democrat we could nominate a Southerner for Vice President."

### DOCTOR LOST HIS LEGS, BUT NOW WALKS AGAIN

Armore Physician Whose Feet Were Amputated Walks to Church and Will Resume His Practice.

ARDMORE, April 4.—Members of the fashionable congregation of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Ardmore, were surprised and delighted today, when Dr. George I. McLeod, Jr., who lost both his feet last December as the result of falling under a train at the Pennsylvania Railroad station here, walked down the aisle of the church to his old pew.

The young physician, once an athlete, appeared to be in the best of health. With the aid of a cane he walked quite easily, and held himself erect with little difficulty. After the services he was warmly congratulated by many friends. Dr. McLeod expects shortly to resume his practice in Ardmore.

### JAMMED AGAINST POST WHILE RIDING ENGINE

Standing on the running board of an engine at South Capitol and H Streets southeast, P. E. Rayston, twenty-four years old, of 439 South Capitol Street, employed as a fireman on the Pennsylvania Railroad, was caught between the engine and a post on the side of the track and severely, although not seriously, injured. His head was cut on the left side, and he was removed to Providence Hospital, where he received the necessary treatment and later went to his home.

### LEWISTOWN RESERVOIR STANDS FLOOD STRAIN

BELLEVILLE, Ohio, April 4.—The levees of the Lewistown reservoir, although weak in many places, did not give way, although waves three feet high swept over the bankments. The slight break in the waste weir, caused by one of the heavy timbers dropping from its position, did no damage. The timbers of the weir have been in position eleven years and are rotten. They will be replaced by the State board of public works. The danger of a break is at an end.

### SUICIDE MAKES SURE WORK WITH SHOTGUN

LISBON, Me., April 4.—The body of Morrill Clark was found yesterday lying beside the railroad tracks just north of the Lisbon Station. A shotgun was lying near the body indicating that Clark had committed suicide. He had fired so that the charge passed through a pocket over his heart, in which he had several cartridges, which exploded. The clothing was burned off his chest.

### DESIDENT NEGRESS TOOK TOO SMALL DOSE

Despondent because of the faithlessness of her "steady company," Jennie Hill, a negress, thirty years old, of Third and F Streets southwest, attempted suicide, by drinking laudanum while in the rear of 108 E Street southwest. She was found by friends and the police informed of the affair.

The ambulance from the Emergency Hospital was summoned, but the physician who accompanied the ambulance said she had not taken enough to kill her, and she was taken to her home.

## NURSES' SALARIES MAY BE RAISED

Pettus Offers Amendment to Civil Bill.

### TEN DOLLARS PER MONTH

Attendants at Government Hospital for Insane Also Included in Bill.

Senator Pettus today introduced in the Senate the following amendment to the sundry civil bill: "That the attendants and nurses employed at the Government Hospital for the Insane shall receive an increase of \$10 per month in addition to their present salary, except attendants and nurses on probation, who shall receive an increase of \$4 per month, to take effect the first of July next; and the sum of \$35,000 is hereby appropriated for said purpose."

The attendants are poorly paid, and their work involves many hardships. A strong effort will be made to have their compensation increased.

### COL. CODY CALLED ON FOR DIVORCE CASE DATA

Wife's Lawyers Demand to Know When He Was Threatened and Driven From Home.

DENVER, April 4.—Wilcox & Halligan, attorneys for Mrs. William F. Cody, have filed in the district court of Big Horn county, Wyoming, a motion for a more specific statement from Colonel Cody in the divorce proceedings instituted by him.

They ask for the dates on which the defendant threatened to poison the plaintiff and drove him from his home in North Platte, Neb.; the dates and manner in which Cody was refused the privilege of bringing his friends and guests to his home, with the names and addresses of those friends; and a statement as to how long his married life had been intolerable and unbearable.

### DES MOINES CHURCHES CLOSE FOR LACK OF FUEL

DES MOINES, April 4.—Because of the coal strike which has been declared by Iowa miners, seventy-five churches in Des Moines will close their doors until the present coal famine has reached an end.

Retailers have advanced the price of fuel over \$1 per ton, and even then the supply is about exhausted. The leading hotels have but enough to last a few days.

### THE POSTOFFICE BILL UP IN THE SENATE

Immediately after the routine business in the Senate today the postoffice appropriation bill was taken up. Mr. Hoar announcing that he would call up the measure providing for the protection of the President at the first opportunity.

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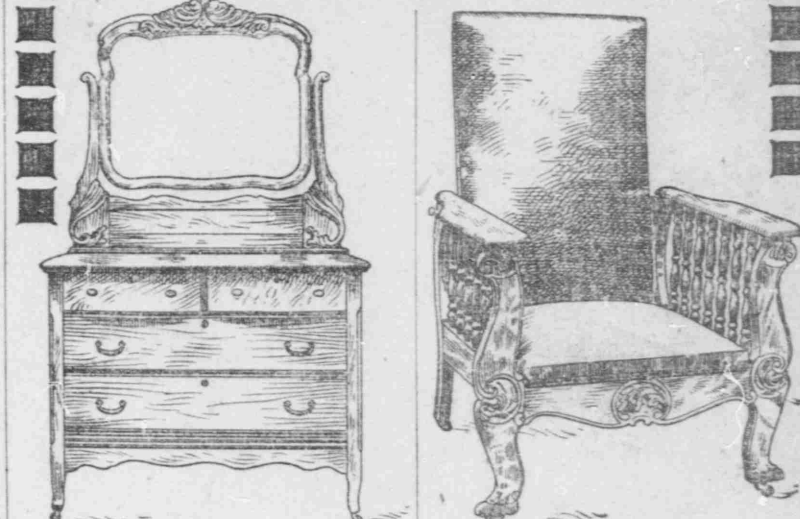
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